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ON ANOTHER LETTER

If 4-H clubdom ever starts another "letter" series, surely it is qualified to have a "C" called "Cooperation," for the 4-H club is one answer steadily growing in volume to the recent comment of Roger Babson that "The farmer indulges himself in too much individualism and too little community effort." Four-H club history has not been long in the writing, but it already contains a good bit for a chapter on community effort. Some material for the chapter has just come the CLUB LEADER'S way.

A club dairy-judging team went from Middlesex County, Conn., in 1922 to the National Dairy Show. The more the boys looked at the show stock there the stronger their liking for it grew. Presently they decided that they would like to make a venture in the purebred line, themselves. Back home, their parents and friends favored the idea, but it was not until the following June that the Middlesex Purebred Heifer Club organization was completed. Thirteen purebred, tested, bred heifers were purchased and brought into the county. They went to 11 different farms, and on 8 of these the club boy became owner of the first purebred there.

Now the club has 21 members who own 55 purebred dairy animals, while their parents own 51 purebreds, a total of 106, and an increase of 96 purebreds on the same farms since June, 1923, says S. A. Edwards, county extension agent. Some time ago the average production of the club boys' herds was 7,762.8 pounds per cow.

Less than 700 hogs, including brood sows, were to be found in Hill County, Mont., in 1923. To-day a count shows over 5,000 hogs. In the spring of 1924 there was not a single breeder of purebred hogs in the county. Now there is a Duroc swine association with 22 growers of purebreds as members. Ten farmers are breeding purebred Hampshires. The beginning of this, says E. B. Duncan, county agent, was with six boys in a pig club.

From 400 acres of corn, and a good proportion of that not of adapted strains, Stillwater County, Mont., has progressed in the last 10 years to an annual corn crop of some 35,000 acres, and a sizable share of credit goes to the 4-H corn club growers, says W. H. Jones, county agricultural agent. In seed-corn production, especially, they have been of great assistance. Nearly all the approved seed-corn growers are club members, or parents of club members. One club member has sold more than \$200 worth of seed corn each year for the past four years.

After two years of feeding demonstrations by 4-H club members doing baby-beef work in Knox County, Tex., nearly 200 registered bulls and 100 females have been added to the herds of the county, writes W. O. Logan, county agent. Baby-beef work of club members has been of service to cattlemen, he says, in showing that calves can be fed home-grown feeds at a profit and also, through their interest in the club members, the men have gone to cattle shows and learned points on improving their herds.



Pushing the corn belt north and west and standardizing the variety of corn grown in the county are both credited to the corn-club work in Stanley County, S. Dak. A pioneer club was organized there 11 years ago.

Four-H club potato growers of Beaver County, Pa., undertook to show the desirability of using disease-free seed. A survey made after four years of club work in the county showed that farmers in every township are using improved seed.

Yazoo County, Miss., had no home demonstration agent. The club girls wanted one, talked the matter over in the community 4-H clubs, and concluded that, in spite of general belief to the contrary, something could be done about it. One of the boys was selected to appear before the board of county commissioners and explain just how much a home demonstration agent was needed, how much the club members could do with her help. Mrs. Lula G. Kirk took up the duties of home demonstration agent in Yazoo County, May 1.

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Do you remember the "at home" cards of Nebraska club baby beeves mentioned in the June CLUB LEADER? The society editor has "covered" another event in which six of their number participated. Six Dawes County baby beeves accompanied their club-member owners to the farmers' picnic at Ardmore, S. Dak., and were introduced to President Coolidge. Dawes County calves are accustomed to the limelight; last year they were State champions at the Nebraska State Fair.



FIRST!

The United States of America enjoys one peculiar advantage over older countries, says a current publication, in that we almost always know who our "firsts" are. Four-H club work, a new activity, has the same advantage. Some "firsts" have recently been announced in Virginia, Oklahoma, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

The Highland Belle Farm Shop Club, which met June 15 in Rockbridge County, Va., to discuss some of the tools and equipment necessary in a farm repair shop and to learn how to clean, file, and set rusty saws, sharpen chisels and plane bits, was the first farm shop club organized in the State, records the ROCKBRIDGE 4-H CLUB NEWS. Its object is to establish better repair shops and to train the members in the proper selection, care, and use of tools and other equipment for such a shop.

Oklahoma announces the "Pittsburgh County 4-H Potato Growers," an organization of 4-H club members growing potatoes for profit; the first club of this nature to be started in the State, said the Oklahoma A. and M. College agricultural news service of June 6. The members grow from $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 acre of potatoes each and will market in carload lots. The Pittsburgh club had on that date 21 members, and the adjoining county of Atoka had enrolled 35 members preparatory to organizing.

Maryland's first baby-beef club was launched in Washington County, this spring, says the Maryland EXTENSION SERVICE NEWS, with 15 members. The Union Stockyards of Baltimore helped the boys to finance their venture, and the Hagerstown Fair arranged to have the baby beeves shown at the fair this fall.

Says PENNSYLVANIA CLUB NEWS, Northampton County has the first farm management club in the State. Five members had started their record books in April, had taken farm inventories and were entering day-by-day expenditures, sales, and labor items.

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Ten clubs entered teams in the third annual county 4-H club basket-ball tournament of Mercer County, W. Va., 17 teams altogether participating.

County-wide day-old-chick contests are being held in three Vermont counties, Chittenden, Orleans, and Rutland. In addition to cash prizes offered by county fairs, cockerels from certified stock of 200-egg strains are offered as special prizes for the best pen of birds raised from the baby chicks. Feed and labor records are required.



Six agricultural books have been presented by a hardware firm of the county seat to each of the 34 four-H clubs in Lawrence County, Tenn., as the nucleus for a club library. The club members, says County Agent G. C. Wright, are to read the books and discuss them at meetings.

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To club members of Beauregard and Vernon parishes, La., who dedicated their permanent 4-H camp, Camp Anacoco, June 17. It is on Anacoco Creek, has 40 acres of ground donated by a lumber company. A large mess hall and several cottages have already been built. De Ridder chamber of commerce was active in assisting Extension Agents M. L. Cooper of Beauregard, and H. M. Mims and Stella Jones of Vernon to obtain contributions.

To club boys and girls of Tattnall County, Ga., who enjoy camp grounds of their own. The club members also own the county fair grounds and have made a financial success of the county fair which previously had been a failure, writes G. V. Cunningham, State boys' club agent. A. B. Hursey and Maggie Bethea are the county extension agents. Motion pictures of this year's camp activities were made at the request of President Warfield of the Seaboard railroad.

To Minnesota boys and girls whose State legislature added \$10,000 to the agricultural extension budget to be used, says the report, for additional paid club leadership.

To Iowa club girls on having their own club building for demonstrations and exhibits of club work, erected this year on the State Fair grounds at Des Moines.

To club boys and girls of the 10 Florida counties west of the Apalachicola River, on their permanent camp site in the Florida National Forest. Plans of R. W. Blacklock, State boys' club agent, are for an auditorium, kitchen, and workshop to be built by popular subscription, with each county financing the construction of two cottages. A baseball diamond, perhaps a tennis court, and the ideal beach for swimming on Choctawhatchee Bay will provide for physical development and recreation. The club members are to help furnish their cottages.

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ESPECIALLY CAMPS AND SHORT COURSES

"It is 'open season' for county camps," says Alabama, and a like condition appears to prevail elsewhere. Alabama's series began early in July and will be finished by September.

With the week of August 9, Vermont's series of seven county camps and one State club camp was completed. Attendance at the State camp included 120 boys and girls, 45 leaders, and 23 program people. Leadership training conferences for the club leaders and health work for the club members called forth letters of especial commendation from those attending, says E. L. Ingalls, State club leader. About half of the leaders at the camp were older club members who are assuming leadership responsibilities for younger boys and girls.

Seven club camps to date have been held in South Dakota with a total attendance of 973 club members, and three more camps are scheduled. All programs include study in farm record keeping, rope work, nature study, and news writing for the boys and home-economics subjects for girls.

The fifth anniversary of Camp Edwards, Rhode Island's State club camp, had practical training of leaders as a feature. After daily one-hour periods of instruction, each leader was given a group of average club size and immediately put into practice the methods which had just been presented to him. Instruction in home economics and agricultural projects were scheduled each day for the club members. The camp register included 36 leaders and chaperons and 196 club members, both numbers a considerable increase over the previous year's.

Georgia State girls' club camp on the campus of the State college of agriculture at Athens started operations in that line for the Empire State of the South. A different group of girls camped each week for four weeks, 677 girls enrolling altogether. The girls were divided into troops with about 17 in each. Each troop elected its own captain who represented her troop at the court of honor. The captain with the help of the county agent in charge then divided the troop into two squads, and each squad elected a lieutenant who was responsible to the captain for the seven girls and herself. The girls, states Lois P. Dowdle, State girls' club agent, handled all problems in connection with the camp. On Friday evenings the girls conducted their own vesper services and put on a candle lighting ceremony somewhat similar to the one used at the national camp. The first relay of boys camping at Camp Wilkins arrived July 25 and totaled 298; attendance at the next week's relay was 173.

About 2,000 club boys and girls gathered on the campus of Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., the latter part of June for three days of college and camp life mixed.

Especially Camps and Short Courses

Michigan's ninth annual 4-H club week at Michigan State College drew representatives from 39 out of 43 counties eligible. There were 320 club members and 50 leaders in attendance. One feature of the program was a class in bird study conducted by Maurice Huberman and Burton Selnik, two club members from Wayne County. These club members described the birds which may be found in Michigan, their haunts and habits, and concluded each description with the call of the bird. Prof. J. W. Stack of the college zoology department followed the club members on the program with a talk on "Birds and their relation to man." The Governor of Michigan greeted the club members when they visited their State capitol, and they responded by giving him one of the gavels which the delegates to the national club camp had received. Leona Gale, one of the delegates, made the presentation.

Delegates from five counties in Wyoming are camping in the Big Horn Mountains amid scenery described in the report of the Lewis and Clark expedition and shown on the map entitled "Coulter's Route in 1807." After acquiring a prescribed amount of up-to-the minute professional training the young campers repair to the mountain streams where, says the reporter, they give earnest attention to "inducing the elusive trout to 'take the spinner.'" Trips for training in identification of trees, flowers, and poisonous plants are daily events.



Camp Gilbert at Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, July 20-27, was attended by 130 county club champions and local club leaders. The program provided for daily local leaders' conferences and inspirational talks, informational tours and recreation for the club members.

More than 600 North Carolina club boys and girls were at their State college in July for five days of study, recreation and new experiences. The girls from each county elected one member of their party as captain to be in charge of their group and to assist the short-course faculty. At the end of the week 10 captains were promoted to the rank of major on recommendation of the faculty. On the last day, the boys of eastern and western North Carolina settled the question of baseball championship.

Approximately 2,000 Oklahoma club boys and girls, representing every county in the State, participated in 4-H club contests held at the annual Farm Congress, Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, August 2-5.

South Carolina's junior short course filled 5 days with subject-matter instruction, demonstrations, judging contests, training for leadership, and recreation. Evening programs included a camp fire, candle ceremony, and awarding of certificates to those completing the course. Club officers for the State 4-H organization -- president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer -- were elected.

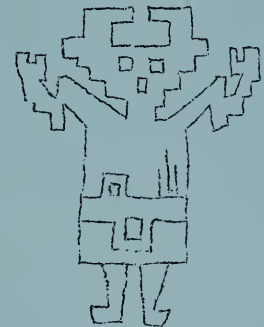
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Both club members and club leaders were in attendance at Washington's sixth annual club camp at State College of Washington, Pullman. Thirty-three counties sent delegations ranging in size from 1 to 89 club members. Three hours of instruction in subject matter were given each of the six mornings, with supervised recreation, inspirational and entertainment features for the remainder of the day. Club members gave several numbers on the assembly programs and gave the entire radio program of Friday evening, as well as assisting with that of Wednesday.

Demonstrations were given by club members at one assembly. In one, on appropriate clothing for morning, play, school, and afternoon social affairs, the girls appeared doing things typical of the occasion for which their dresses were designed, beating spoons vigorously in mixing bowls while wearing morning dresses, serving tea in afternoon dresses, etc. In a corn-club demonstration, a club boy who voiced his discouragement over failure in growing corn for his hogs was shown by his teammate the variety to select for maturity, size of ears, tests for germination, and similar points.

State 4-H club officers were elected at the close of the week, president, secretary-treasurer, and a vice-president for each of the four sections of the State. The advisory board for the coming year includes Elmina White, State club leader; W. D. Buchanan, supervisor of county agents; and A. R. Chase, county agent in Chelan County. State health champions were selected from county champions.

"Volunteer" camp, to train volunteer club leaders for their summer duties, was held at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, at the beginning of the camp season. Over 150 leaders attended. Courses were given in first aid, swimming (which included life saving), Indian arts, campcraft, copper handicraft, nature study, club plans, booklet making, wood handicraft, religious education, recreation, music, courtesy, 4-H development, forestry, log-cabin construction educational exhibits, sewing, canning, bread making, and handicraft for girls.



A mayor elected by the entire camp and a councilman elected by each tent functioned as "city fathers" for the Cheyenne County, Kans., club camp, says County Agent E. B. Brunson's weekly news letter giving advance details.

Attendance at the State Club Congress of Mississippi at A. and M. College, August 8-12, reached 1,085, including leaders. The boys were grouped into 9 companies of approximately 50 boys each. The girls had a similar organization. Officers of the State Executive Committee, which consists of two club member representatives, a boy and a girl, from each county, were elected, - a president, vice president, and secretary. A dairy-judging team was selected for the first time to represent the State in the National Dairy Show judging contest next October.

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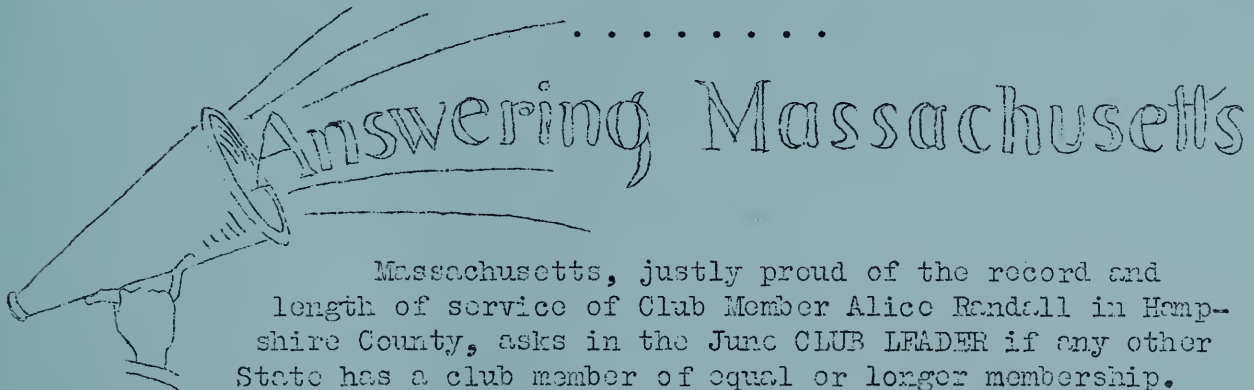
Four young Oregonians spent a week in August at Crater Lake Lodge in the Crater Lake National Park, as guests of Richard Price, Manager of the lodge, who entertains annually the four outstanding club members of the State for that year. The club members, 2 boys and 2 girls, were selected for the 1927 event at the 1926 State Fair and are canning, sewing, and livestock champions. Both girls are leaders of 100 per cent completion clubs. Immediately after the announcement of the winners at the fair, the four young people were entertained at dinner in the private car of Superintendent E. L. King of the Southern Pacific Railroad, also an annual feature of the Oregon club calendar, as is the presentation of a gold watch to each winner by the State bankers' association. Mr. Price asked H. C. Seymour, State club leader, and Mrs. Seymour to accompany the young people to Crater Lake Lodge.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute welcomed nearly 900 club members and 85 leaders at the ninth annual short course, July 25-29, Blacksburg. Demonstrations by club members had a place on each day's program. Outdoor vesper services were in charge of club members. A new policy was followed this year for the first time in awarding the scholarships for the short course which are offered annually by a newspaper and a railroad with interests in Virginia; club leaders as well as club members were made eligible for the scholarships. One leader from each of 13 counties attended the short course by this means.

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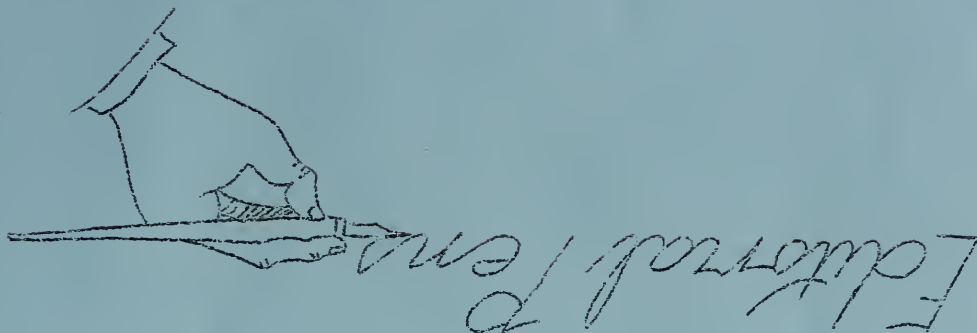
Over 1,000 containers of fruits and vegetables have been canned by Victoria County, Tex., club girls and their mothers and given to the Red Cross for distribution in the Mississippi flood area.

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Massachusetts, justly proud of the record and length of service of Club Member Alice Randall in Hampshire County, asks in the June CLUB LEADER if any other State has a club member of equal or longer membership.

Ohio comes forward with the record of Iva Millard of Warren County, who is now in her 14th year of club work. She has had 3 years in food-club work, 5 years in calf-club work, 2 in poultry lines, and 4 in clothing work. She has won a number of prizes, was on the county livestock judging team one year, a member of the county demonstration team competing at the State Fair, was one of the county representatives at the district training camp, and acted as assistant leader in the Warren County camp. She hopes to go to Ohio State University after finishing high school next year, writes Nellie Watts, county home demonstration agent. Now, who do we hear from next?



are diligently scratching chronicles of the 4-H world in spite of the "Rise and decline of Fahrenheit." Newcomers in the CLUB LEADER'S newspaper circle are from Mississippi, Montana, New York, Michigan, and Virginia.

Unnamed as yet, a mimeographed journal is telling 4-H news to Lauderdale County, Miss., club folks. The well-filled staff list includes Katherine Staley, home demonstration agent, Meridian, Miss., as adviser. Club reporters who do not report are nominated for the Rip Van Winkle society.

WYOMING COUNTY JUNIOR EXTENSION NEWS, from the office of Allison A. McKenzie, county club agent, Warsaw, N. Y., printed newspaper, runs a picture of the farm mechanics club in the county which has two years' work to its credit.

4-H CLUB NEWS IN CASCADE COUNTY, Mont., comes from the county agent's office, Great Falls. Club reporters furnish most of the material.

County club agents of five New York counties, Ontario, Monroe, Genesee, Wyoming, and Livingston, spent most of their time at one of their recent monthly get-togethers in discussing news writing and general make-up of county club papers.

THE DAILY OWL, a very wise and alert owl, indeed, had reporters for each county delegation at Washington's State club camp to help in registering events of the week.

THE CLUB TATLER, from the annual calf-club camp of Kent County, Mich., lives up to its name in passing on news of the camp and campers. There was a club member editor-in-chief, assistant editors from the same source, and a cartoonist.

THE CLOVER LEAF DAILY came into existence to record the events of Mississippi's State 4-H club congress and rounded out a gratifying career of usefulness, ably assisted by club member delegates.

HARPER COUNTY JOURNAL, Buffalo, Okla., added an extra page to its July 21 edition to run the story of the national 4-H club camp and the travels of the Oklahomians to and from Washington, written for the paper by George Felkel, a member of the Oklahoma delegation.

THE CLOVER REFLECTOR, "Static from Station SSC, Blacksburg, Va.," reflects good times and good work of Virginia boys and girls at the 4-H club short course, July 25-30. The short course members furnished the editorial staff including cartoonist and verse editor, witness page 14. One striking item appears in the news of arrivals at the short course in the July 26 issue:

"King George was delayed for several hours by a gas line which was stopped " but such nonchalance with royalty is a perquisite of those who have delegations coming from King George County.



A. W. Otterbein, county club agent in Iron County, Michigan, has engaged the newspaper editors of the county to serve as instructors of club groups in news writing. The newspaper men will meet each of the club groups and give them lessons on "How to write a news story." A style sheet has been prepared especially for this instruction.

News reporters in Nebraska are getting down to business on lessons in news writing prepared by Elton Lux, editorial assistant, State extension staff, Lincoln, for their special benefit. A group of 6 Nebraska daily newspapers and 19 weeklies will each send its best club reporter for the coming months to the 1928 Boys' and Girls' Club Week at Lincoln, Nebr., with all expenses paid, as has been done for the past year or two, hence this interest in the business of news writing. The letters are informal, carry cartoons, and illustrate the points of instruction by examples of news writing on subjects which are typical of those events that club reporters cover.

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Maine club members are out after a silver cup which is being offered by the State Federation of Farm Bureaus to that county whose club record scores highest under contest rules previously drafted. This is the second cup which the farm bureau federation has offered. The first is in the permanent possession of Franklin County Boys and girls who acquired the right by winning it two consecutive years.

Ninety-three per cent of all 4-H clubs in the State of Maine, or 265 out of 285, have submitted programs of work, the highest per cent of any year on record in the State, says L. H. Shibles, State club leader. Five counties have a perfect score on the print and five others missed by only one club. This is an important factor in the scoring for the State club cup to be awarded by the State farm bureau federation at the close of the club year.

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Nearly one-fourth of Montana's local club leaders have previously been club members. Their average club experience is $5\frac{1}{2}$ years.

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C A L E N D A R

ARKANSAS Boys' and girls' club congress, State Fair, Little Rock, October 10-15.

CONNECTICUT Club camp and exhibit, State Fair, Hartford, September 4-11.

GEORGIA Boys' camps (in relays), Camp Wilkins, Athens, to September 3.

MICHIGAN Club exhibit, State Fair, Detroit, September 5-10.

SOUTH DAKOTA Club camp, State Fair, Huron, September 12-17.

WEST VIRGINIA Club livestock round-up, Jackson's Mill, September 12-16
4-H Round-up, Jackson's Mill, October 17-20.

Boys' and girls' club department, Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa, September 26-October 2.

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Club members of the Central States are holding over their enthusiasm and efforts this year for a Sioux City (Iowa) Interstate Fair and Camp Eaton that will break all records, including that of Old Man Pluvius, who had been overzealous with his rain clouds on former occasions. With the help of the weather man, they hope to have a "place in the sun" next year.

Camp Plummer prospects are beginning to excite Western States club boys and girls. Exact dates, coinciding with those of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland, Oreg., are to be announced soon.

And over in the Northeast everybody is buzzing around over final details for the Fifth International 4-H Training School, September 11-24, and the eleventh Camp Tail, September 18-24, to be held at Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass.

Among Ourselves

Donald C. Gaylord and Randolph Whaples have joined the circle of Connecticut county club agent, beginning work in Tolland and New London Counties, respectively, early in the summer. Both are graduates of Connecticut Agricultural College, class of 1927. Mr. Gaylord is from Hartford and has worked during summer vacations on a general farm, Mr. Whaples' chief claim to fame, so far as the club boys are concerned, is probably his career as a high-school football and basket ball referee, one of his senior college year activities; others may consider as more important his field studies for the economics department of his college in several rural districts and his unique method of taking care of the financial end of a college course -- a summer-time vegetable route in the suburbs of Hartford.

Henry M. Walker, county club agent in Yakima County, Wash., has been granted a year's leave of absence. He goes September 1 to take graduate work at Iowa State College, Ames.

Lola Bell Green of Garrett County, Md., became assistant State club leader in Michigan July 1, 1927, to succeed Harriet Wilder, who resigned June 30. Miss Wilder is now Mrs. Frederick Sharer, at home, in East Lansing, Mich.

T. T. Martin, State club agent of Missouri, who was secretary of the State club leaders' conferences at the national club camp, has made some briefs from his minutes for readers of the CLUB LEADER. They are given below:

The main objectives of 4-H club work were approved as outlined by Doctor Smith, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, in a talk before the conference. They are: (1) To do something worth while and to stimulate interest in community progress; (2) to improve farm and home practices; (3) to teach pride in occupation; (4) to give training in agriculture and home economics; (5) to develop appreciation of nature; (6) to teach cooperation; (7) to develop rural leadership; (8) to give vision; and (9) to develop men and women.

A club pledge adopted for national use reads as follows: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking; my heart to greater loyalty; my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, and my country."

And "to make the best better" was formally adopted as the 4-H club motto.

Recommendations include that a study be made of 4-H club standards for consideration at the next national conference of club leaders; that the score card sent out this year by the Office of Cooperative Extension Work be adopted as the basis for selecting

delegates to the national club camp, if held, in 1928, and that only active 4-H club members be eligible to represent any State in the national club camp; that the club uniform be given further study, a design for a 4-H club membership pin be prepared, and that plans for conducting a national club song contest be worked out, all for consideration at the next national conference of club leaders; and that proper action be taken to have the national 4-H club emblem fully protected by copyright or by congressional action.

That plans for training local leaders in organization and subject matter be perfected by State extension workers and that the type of training best suited to conditions within the State and which will reach the largest number of leaders, be emphasized.

That, in order to make 4-H club work of interest and of use to older boys and girls, the extension program should be based on community needs, have an economic appeal as far as possible, be big enough to attract the attention of the young people of the community and command the respect of the community at large, and should grow as the young people grow in interest and ability and as the community needs change.

"The future of country life depends upon the ability of leaders of rural thought to make living in the country comparable in social desirability to living in the city."

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In the statement of Charles Nagle, chairman of the Business Men's Commission on Agriculture, which held hearings in New York, Chicago, Des Moines, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, Memphis, Atlanta, and Greenville, interviewing more than 150 people, Doctor Smith, Chief, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, finds this significant comment with reference to boys' and girls' club work:

"Education in farming appears to be of great importance. Nearly all progressive farmers bore witness to the value of the educational work now being carried on in their behalf. Especially significant are the activities of the boys' and girls' clubs in which under direction, usually that of a county agent, a productive activity is undertaken by each boy or girl member, accurate cost records kept, and an earnest effort made to produce the very best possible results within the limits set by sound economic practice. Successful farmers have declared that their boys and girls can show a better result than they, themselves, have been able to procure; and the knowledge of the best methods is not only instilled into the coming generation of farmers but permeates the present producing group."

For those distressing moments when you are "low" in your mind, THE CLOVER REFLECTOR, Blacksburg, Va., short-course paper, offers the comfort reproduced below:



"Even if I'm not good looking
I'm happy as can be
'Cause I'm a lucky fellow
Just read about me and see.

Tho' I've two hands and ears to wash
Yet things might be much worse, by gosh!
I'm lucky as can be, by heck,
Because, you see, I've just one neck!"

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News is brought from the Mississippi club congress by I. W. Hill, in charge of club work for the Southern States, of the valiant efforts of Clarence Posey, one of the delegates to the National Club Camp, to rescue his gavel when his home was destroyed by fire, just before the State club congress.

The gavel had been put for safe keeping in a trunk. This Clarence throw from a window only to discover later that it had not fallen clear of the burning walls. In his efforts to pull it from the flames he was severely burned but retained his hold on the trunk. A fellow club member seized his heels and tugged Clarence and trunk back to safety. Clarence lost 30 purebred shotes and a large part of his poultry.

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